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SUBJECT: DISSEMINATION OF ARAB BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:
ARAB BOYCOTT CLAUSES

REF: A) STATE A-6200; B) TUNIS 6086; C) STATE 282318

1. IN DRAFTING PROCEDURES FORWARDED AS ENCLOSURE TO REF
(A), COMMERCE AWARE OF SITUATION REPORTED IN REF (B) AND
PREVIOUS RE TUNISIA'S NON-PARTICIPATION IN SECONDARY
BOYCOTT. PRIMARY REASON INCLUDING TUNISIA NOT ITS MEMBER-
SHIP IN ARAB LEAGUE BUT SIMPLY FACT IT AN ARAB COUNTRY.
INTENT WAS TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBILITY THAT INDIVIDUALS
IN TUNISIA, PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT, MIGHT IN ISOLATED
INSTANCES PLAY OUT PERSONAL FEELINGS BY ATTACHING BOYCOTT
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CONDITION IN TRADE OPPORTUNITY DESPITE GOT OFFICIAL

POSTURE OF NON PARTICIPATION. INSTANCES OF INDIVIDUALS
EXCEEDING OWN GOVERNMENT'S BOYCOTT REGULATIONS KNOWN OF IN
OTHER COUNTRIES. ALSO POSSIBILITY OCCURRED
TUNISIA MIGHT BE RECEIVING AID FROM OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES
WHICH WOULD INSIST ON BOYCOTT CLAUSE.

2. ON BASIS EMBASSY ASSURANCES REF (B), HOWEVER, COMMERCE
HAS DROPPED TUNISIA FROM LIST OF COUNTRIES COVERED BY PRO-
CEDURES FORWARDED REF (A). WARNING STAMP (STAMP NO. 1,

ATTACHMENT II, REF (A)) NO LONGER BEING AFFIXED TO
TRADE OPPORTUNITY DOCUMENTS FROM TUNISIA.

3. NEW POLICY OF NON-DISSEMINATION TENDERS OR OTHER
DOCUMENTS KNOWN TO BE SUBJECT TO BOYCOTT RESTRICTIONS
CITED REF (C) MAKES IT ALL THE MORE CRITICAL THAT NO
SUCH DOCUMENT SLIP THROUGH WHICH COULD SUBJECT DEPART-
MENTS STATE AND COMMERCE TO CHARGES OF VIOLATION THEIR
OWN REGULATIONS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS PARAS
3 AND 4 REF (C), EMBASSY EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO CARE-
FULLY SCREEN TRADE OPPORTUNITY DOCUMENTS BEFORE FOR-
WARDING TO WASHINGTON OR USING IN LOCAL PROMOTION. SISCO

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